

**Thomas Jefferson EMS Council, Inc.
Board of Directors – January 8, 2003**

Members Present (per signature sheet at meeting):

M. Berg	D. Bickley	R. Bickley	S. Braithwaite
D. Burns	W. Crigler	W. Cyrus	D. Evatt
D. Feathers	J. Feathers	T. Goodrich	B. Grimm
T. Harvey	L. Hatter	B. Hopkins	G. Stephens
L. Johnson	M. Johnson	W. Keene	D. Lawrence
G. Lindbeck	S. Mullinax	P. Musgrave	G. Nuckols
J. Patmore	T. Reid	A. Snyder	W. Thompson
L. Turner	J. Whiting	B. Wood	

Others:

V. Lucas	L. Campbell	L. Jenkins	C. Pumphrey
W. Archard	S. McNeer	W. Evatt	M. McAllister
D. Conrad			

Recognition of Guests:

Vanessa Lucas is an intern from UVa and is working with Marge Sidebottom on emergency preparedness. Linwood Campbell will be taking W. Cyrus' place on the board. Carl Pumphrey is the proxy for John Oprandy.

Election of New Members:

Linwood Campbell, from Gladstone Rescue, was elected to the Board.

General:

We are meeting in the new Monticello Fire Station with thanks to Albemarle County for letting us use the facilities. Also, thanks to the Charlottesville Fire Department for all the years they let us use their headquarters. The November 13 minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

Financial Statement included in packet and reflects monies received from the OEMS. We are still working with the retirement plan to bring the past retirement money issue to a close. Financial Statements accepted.

President's Report:

GAB and the "former" Federation representation on this board: The former Federation's individual Councils would like to have separate representation since they have been functioning separately for a number of years. They would also like to have representation on the Assistance Review Committee (Grant Application/RSAF). The state Office of EMS was interested in their concerns, but they were reluctant to have them go to the Legislature as a group to remedy the Code. They GAB proposed an ad hoc task force to look at the issue of

representation of the "Federation", but representation as a whole. It was thought that things went better for EMS when we handled issues internally instead of going to the Legislature for a remedy.

Legislative Issues: Today is the first day of the Legislative session and yesterday was the last day to file Bills and there were some Town Hall meetings. Sabina and Mike attended the Town Hall meeting to discuss with legislators and the general public the need to continue funding EMS at the present rate. She specifically addressed funding helicopter services in Lynchburg (which should be charging for its services). One thing she noticed during the meeting is that out of approximately 300 people, the majority spoke regarding mental health. In the future, people need to contact their representatives for the EMS voice to be heard and considered to be important. Junior agreed that EMS needed to contact their legislators.

There was a lot of discussion about how the budget will be affected and its impact on EMS. Members were encouraged to contact their representatives. A flier was included in tonight's packet discussing the impact on TJEMS.

Executive Director:

RSAF Awards: There was a problem with the receiving of the grant requests on the OEMS side. When Mike sent the requests, he called to make sure they received the file and was assured that they did. However, the file they opened did not have the comments and scores and there was some confusion on the part of OEMS as to whether some grants had been refused in the past. We are not the only Council that this happened to, and unfortunately, a lot of our requests were not funded. Mike requested the OEMS reconsider, and they said it was too late. Letters from the OEMS will be forthcoming to those agencies whose requests were funded.

The deadline for the new funding is March 15, 2003.

Task Force 2 funding – December 8 meeting update. There is money available for the Regional Task Force (\$10,000).

Remaining monies for FY03

- Regional Training Plan \$1000 – we will be able to invoice once a decision is made tonight regarding training.
- Regional Training Coordination - \$6000 – is ongoing (Clinical Test Site)
- Combined Virginia Campaign – monies collected will be sent to TJEMS in February. Mike does not know how much.

Training Specialist:

No Report

Communications:

No Report.

Operational Medical Director:

Approved the ALS skills requirements for Mega code that the CPE committee recommended (BLS check sheets to be used). The material will be given out at the regular ALS CE meetings so providers won't be surprised.

There is a new protocol for nebulized epinephrine for croup.

Approved the protocol for use of external jugular lines for ALS providers.

Letters will be going out to agencies for those providers that did not attend ALS skills drill in the Fall.

Clinical Practice and Educational Committee:

Meeting minutes are included in the packet. These were approved with a few minor changes for grammatical errors.

By-Laws Committee:

No meeting

Regional OEMS Representative:

Inspections scheduled Fluvanna Fire (1/17), Louisa EMS and Zion Crossroads (1/24), Madison Rescue and Madison EMS (1/29).

Implementation of new Rules & Regulations – some changes will not begin until March. As soon as they know anything, they will let us know. There will be a meeting on February 7 to take into consideration any additional comments anyone might have regarding the new Rules & Regulations.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

- Regional Training Plan – Thanks to Mike, we have invoiced and received most of the monies awarded in this year's budget. The Regional Training plan, included in your packet, needs a motion to approve. The template came from the OEMS. Mike was unable to come up with a number of providers needed, so figures are based on the current number of providers. The Regional Training Plan was approved.
- OEMS Budget, RSAF – Last Friday, when the Governor made it public his plans for shifting the monies, the executive directors got together with some of the GAB to discuss funding. They wanted to come up with a unified approach to hold onto EMS money. A flier is included in the packet. These will be e-mailed to each legislator. The problem is that EMS is taking the hardest hit with budget money. The OEMS, if the governor's plan goes through, will lose technical staff, and additional services it provides to the regional councils.
- TJEMS Draft Budget for FY 04 - The draft budget Mike, Sabina, Audrey and Cookie came up with shows a deficit of \$44,000. If we also lose 15% of monies from our base

funding from OEMS, we will be \$50,000 in the red. Also in question is whether Charlottesville Fire will require our services, or if they will combine with Albemarle County for their in-house training. Also an unknown is how much localities will cut our funding. Worst case scenario is that we will lose personnel. The part time staff will have to be let go, and so will the office manager. We will not be able to afford the extra storage facility. This will leave us with only a \$4000 deficit. Larry Turner made a suggestion to ask the Rescue Squads to support TJEMS with their budget. A concern if this were to happen, the localities might not be willing to include us in their budget.

- Services to be cut will be a reduction in continuing education (only one Louisa class, only one Nelson class), test site, training calendars will not be printed (available by website download), EMT classes will not be available. The office will not be staffed during normal business hours. The level of service will no longer be available.
- Other

The next meeting will be March 12, 2003 at the Monticello Fire Department.

Meeting adjourned.